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Dear Interested Party:

The Forest Service is initiating an environmental analysis for the Jug Handle project on the Marienville Ranger District of the Allegheny National Forest. We are proposing to manage the project area to achieve a healthy and resilient ecosystem and diminish the risks and consequences of forest health threats. Additional information can be found in the scoping documents at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61285>. Printed copies of the scoping documents are available upon request.

You are receiving this letter because you have expressed interest in projects on the Allegheny National Forest or you have property near or adjacent to the project area. I am interested in hearing your concerns, issues, or suggestions regarding this project. Please review the proposal and respond with site-specific comments about the proposed activities along with supporting information and rationale that you believe will help identify issues that need to be addressed.

This project is subject to a pre-decisional objection process pursuant to subparts A and B of 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 218. This comment period serves as the scoping period for the project and as one of the two planned designated periods for public comment that provide opportunity for you to establish eligibility to object. There will be a second designated public comment period for the project environmental assessment, in which you can also establish eligibility to object. Since objections must be based on previously submitted written comments, anyone who would like to consider objecting to the draft decision is encouraged to submit comments that are within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include a supporting rationale for us to consider.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments will be considered. Please submit your scoping comments by February 11, 2022. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this project. You can submit comments by:

- **Mail:** Robert T. Fallon, District Ranger, Marienville Ranger District, 131 Smokey Lane, Marienville, PA 16239
- **Fax:** (814) 927-2285
- **Email:** comments-eastern-allegheny-marienville@usda.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted in plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), portable document format (.pdf) Word (.doc or .docx), or any other format supported by Microsoft Office applications. Please enter the project name (*Jug Handle project*) on the subject line and include your name and physical mailing address with your comments.



- **Phone:** Verbal comments may be submitted at the Marienville Ranger District Office by calling (814) 927-5700 during normal business hours. Normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Thank you for your interest in the Allegheny National Forest. Questions regarding this project can be directed to Kevin Treese at kevin.treese@usda.gov. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



ROB FALLON
District Ranger